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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 47,771; Week ago 28,839; Year ago 30,339 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. S7	TEERS:	Fdr. HI	EIFERS:	Hols. S	TEERS
361 lbs.	124.86	367 lbs.	108.26	458 lbs.	74.98
461 lbs.	117.22	453 lbs.	101.28	565 lbs.	70.60
552 lbs.	109.22	548 lbs.	95.48	647 lbs.	72.85
648 lbs.	98.75	647 lbs.	89.82	769 lbs.	67.95
743 lbs.	93.26	738 lbs.	87.28	853 lbs.	70.22
827 lbs.	91.64	832 lbs.	85.56		
933 lbs.	87.91	918 lbs.	83.92		

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 6200; Week ago 2658; Year ago 4413 Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 450 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, with 550-750 lbs 1.00 to 3.00 higher, feather weight calves under 450 lbs steady. Slaughter cows: Breaking and Boning 1.00 to 2.00 lower, Lean steady to 1.00 higher, Bulls fully steady.

STEEKS:		HEIFERS:		
Medium and Large 1		Medium a	and Large 1	
			:	
	300-400 lbs.	120.00-130.00	300-400 lbs.	108.00-113.50
	400-450 lbs.	117.50-125.00	400-450 lbs.	97.00-104.00
	450-500 lbs.	111.00-119.00	450-500 lbs.	94.00-100.00
	500-550 lbs.	110.00-116.50	500-600 lbs.	88.00-98.50
	550-600 lbs.	100.00-109.50	600-700 lbs.	84.00-92.00
	600-700 lbs.	94.00-101.50	700-800 lbs.	84.00-90.00
	700-800 lbs.	90.00-96.00		

Large 3 Holsteins	SLAUGHTER COWS	
	Breaking and Boning (

Large 3 Hol	steins	SLAUGHTER COWS:
450-500 lbs. 600-650 lbs.	75.00 68.00-72.50	Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 43.00-50.00, high dressing 50.00-55.00. Lean (85-90%) 40.00-47.00, low dressing 33.50-41.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2320 lbs 57.00-64.00, low dressing 50.00-57.50, high dressing 64.00-68.00

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COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 4 to 7 yrs 950-1100 lbs with baby-450 lbs calves 750.00-950.00 per pair, lot 4 to 6 vrs blacks 950 lbs with 200-350 lbs calves 1075.00 per pair.

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2 3 to 7 yrs, larger consignments 1050-1300 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 750.00-925.00 per head, lot 3 to 6 yrs black/black-whiteface 1200 lbs 3rd stage 1075.00 per head, package first calf AI bred heifers 1105 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 1000.00 per head, 37 head 1st stage black cows 5 to 6yrs 1172 lbs 750.00 per head.

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SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 8500; week ago 3116; year ago 7964 Cow and Bull Receipts 2735; week ago 1312; year ago 1729 Compared to last week, Feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows breaking and boning cows 2.00 to 4.00 lower, lean cows and slaughter bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

<u>STEERS:</u> Medium and Large 1			FERS: and Large 1
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	120.00-131.00 110.00-129.50 100.00-119.00 90.00-108.50 89.50-95.50 87.00-94.60	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	103.50-115.00 96.00-113.00 88.50-112.00 86.00-92.00 85.50-89.00 80.00-84.00
HOLST Large F 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.		and Boning (70- 48.00, high dres Lean (85-90%) 3 dressing 30.00-3 SLAUGHTER I Grade 1-2, 1185	BULLS: Yield 5-2250 lbs 57.00- sing 63.50-72.00,
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1050-1365 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 610.00-810.00, pkg. blacks 3 to 5 yrs 875.00 per head.		1-2 3 to 6yrs 137	yrs to ss, 1010- 20 to 290 lb 85 per pair. Large

NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Maryville, St Joe)

Receipts: 8257, Week ago 5388, Year ago 3372

Feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u> Medium and Large 1		FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1	
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400-500 lbs.	113.50-127.00		94.00-110.00
500-600 lbs.	100.00-122.00	500-600 lbs.	89.25-105.00
600-700 lbs.	91.75-105.35	600-700 lbs.	85.00-98.25
700-800 lbs.	91.00-97.10	700-800 lbs.	86.25-93.60
800-900 lbs.	89.25-96.00	800-900 lbs.	82.75-91.25
900-1000 lbs.	85.75-90.00	900-1000 lbs.	81.25-85.00
REPLACEMENT		SLAUGHTER CO	
and Large 1 6 to 8	yrs 1000-1465	and Boning (70-85	5% lean) 42.00-

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Package Select and Choice 2-3,81.85, SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Package Select and Choice 2-4, 82.00

lbs 2nd and 3rd stage mixed qual-

ity 610.00-700.00 per head.

and Boning (70-85% lean) 42.00-48.75, high dressing 46.00-52.00, Lean (85-90%) 35.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2100 lbs. 55.00-61.50, high dressing ind 62.00, low dressing 48.00-51.00.

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic) Receipts 6912; Week ago 3857; Year ago 2471 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers 2.00 to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER			HEIFERS:
Medium and l	Large 1& 1-2	Medium and	Large 1 & 1-2
300-400 lbs	116.00-135.00	300-400 lbs.	102.00-125.00
400-500 lbs.	104.00-135.00	400-500 lbs.	90.00-110.00
500-600 lbs.	92.00-115.00	500-600 lbs.	84.00-98.00
600-700 lbs.	85.00-112.00	600-700 lbs.	84.00-94.10
700-800 lbs.	85.25-95.50	700-800 lbs.	82.00-88.00
800-900 lbs.	85.75-90.00 [±]	800-850 lbs.	82.85-84.25
REPLACEMENT Medium and Larg to ss, 800-1350 lb stage, 570.00-100	e 1-2 1 1/2 yrs s., 2nd and 3rd	50.50, High dres	85% lean) 43.00- sing 49.25-53.00, 43.00-47.25, Low
COW & CALF P. Scarce	AIRS:	SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1290- 65.50, low dress high dressing 68	-1995 lbs 52.00- ing 45.00-56.00,

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 8430; Week ago 2338; Year ago 5005

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 lower, Slaughter cows steady.

FEEDER STEERS:		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :	
Medium and	Large 1& 1-2	Medium and	Large 1 & 1-2
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	350-400 lbs.	101.00-113.50
400-500 lbs.	107.00-124.00	400-500 lbs.	90.00-110.00
500-600 lbs.	97.00-122.25	500-600 lbs.	88.00-106.85
600-700 lbs.	90.00-108.25	600-700 lbs	85.00-95.75
700-800 lbs.	89.00-98.85	700-800 lbs.	83.00-90.75
800-825 lbs.	88.50-94.75	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
SLAUGHTER S and Choice 2-4 8 Package Choice	32.00-85.50,	Boning, and Lea	h dressing 50.00-
SLAUGHTER F and Choice 2-4 8	<u>IEIFERS:</u> Select 32.00-85.50		-2450 lbs, 55.00- sing 67.00-69.25,

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon)
Feeder Cattle Receipts 5095; week ago 5278; year ago 2754
Slaughter Cattle Receipts 119; week ago 39; year ago 58
Feeder steers and heifers steady to 8.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower. Slaughter Heifers 2.00 to 3.00 lower.

	R STEERS: nd Large 1-2		HEIFERS: nd Large 1-2
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	110.00-120.00 112.00-123.00 105.00-123.00 93.00-112.25 90.00-100.50 88.25-92.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	116.00-125.00 94.00-110.00 87.00-102.50 86.00-94.00 85.50-90.75 Scarce
SLAUGHTER S Choice 2-3 120 84.25-86.00			COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 47.00-
SLAUGHTER I 2-3 1150-1300 I 83.00-84.70	HEIFERS: Choice bs	SLAUGHTER I Grade 1-2, 1400 66.50	<u>BULLS:</u> Yield -2200 lbs 57.00-
COW & CALF	PAIRS: Scarce.	REPLACEMEN Medium and La	

1000-1100 lbs, 3rd stage 1125.00-

1230.00 per head.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 2110; Week ago: 1445; Year ago 1630 Compared to last week 300 lb steers and heifers 3.00 higher, other weights steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00 to 3.00 higher. demand uneven and supply moderate.

<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u> Medium and Large 1-2			<u>HEIFERS</u> : d Large 1-2
300-400 lbs.	108.00-123.50	:	93.00-111.00
400-500 lbs.	95.50-115.00	400-500 lbs.	82.50-100.00
500-600 lbs.	85.50-104.50	500-600 lbs.	80.00-94.00
600-700 lbs.	84.50-95.75	600-700 lbs.	77.00-88.75
700-750 lbs.	80.00-90.00	700-775 lbs.	75.00-85.75
REPLACEMENT Medium and Larg 915-1350 lbs, 2nd 520.00-690.00 pe	ge 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, d-3rd stage	SLAUGHTER C and boning (75-8 46.00; high dress Lean 34.50-36.50	5% lean) 38.00- ing 45.25-49.50,
COW & CALF P and Large 1-2 4 to 1345 lbs with 80- 650.00-800.00 pe	o 7 yrs 1010- 160 lbs calves	SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1325- 54.50, high dress	-2175 lbs, 48.25-

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 3713, Week ago 1896, Year ago 2516

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Slaughter cows steady to 4.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium a	nd Large 1	Medium a	and Large 1
300-400 lbs.	117.50-124.00	300-400 lbs.	100.00-106.00
400-500 lbs.	113.0-126.0	400-500 lbs.	94.00-110.00
500-600 lbs.	100.00-114.50	500-600 lbs.	88.50-100.00
600-700 lbs.	96.00-104.50	600-700 lbs.	85.50-92.10
700-800 lbs.	93.00-98.00\	700-850 lbs.	83.25-90.00
800-900 lbs.	91.50-95.25		
REPLACEMENT dium 1 3 to 4 yrs 2nd and 3rd stage			,
COW & CALF P and Large 1-2, S		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1300 62.50, low dress	-2000 lbs. 58.00-

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 200; Year ago 600 Compared to last week, trade inactive as of 8:00 a.m. Friday. No confirmed live sales or dressed sales this week.

<u>STEERS:</u> 40-60 % Choice 1300	STEERS AND HEIFERS:
lbs 85.00-86.00 late last Friday	Carcass sales: No sales reported
HEIFERS: No Sales.	GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs No Sales

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 8104, Week ago 14,837; Year ago 10,630 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.00 to 3.00 higher. Sows 1.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:	<u>SOWS:</u>
Base carcass meat price 51.00-	300-500 lbs 23.00-28.00
57.00. Weeks top Friday 57.00	Over 500 lbs 29.00-33.00

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 9341

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady and feeder pigs not tested. Supply and Demand Moderate.

All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 90% formulated 9341 head 10 lbs 32.75-41.73, weighted average 10 lbs 36.36

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated No sales reported

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	196.40	190.00	187.50	135.00
St. Louis	214.50	186.00	197.50	122.75

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Cold weather and winter storm after winter storm, have farmers using large amounts of hay this feeding season. As the case has been much of the year, finding any hay is a very time consuming task. Several producers are past the point of culling, and are starting to sell parts or all of their breeding herds, as feed and water supplies are rapidly being depleted. The supply of hay is light, demand is good, and prices firm. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429).(All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 140.00-175.00 premium quality Alfalfa (RFV170-180) 140.00-175.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 80.00-140.00 Small, Big squares 100.00-180.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-6.00 per bale, 40.00-75.00 per large round bale Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-125.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 50.00-75.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-140.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-80.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 25.00-50.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-75.00 per round bale. Fair to good quality bluestem 40.00 per round bale, Fair to good quality millet/sudan grass round bale 50.00-55.00, Fair to good quality Bermuda grass 65.00 per round bale Wheat hay 50.00-70.00, Wheat straw 1.75-3.50 per small bale. Corn stalks 20.00-25.00 per large round bale.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Dairy Cattle Receipts 570, (Springfield 1/23/07) Springer Heifers, Approved 1350.00-1725.00, Medium 925.00-1275.00, Common 650.00-880.00, Bred 3-6 months: Supreme 1740.00-1860.00, Approved 1225.00-1735.00, Medium 810.00-1040.00. Open Heifers: Approved 200-300 lbs 570.00-650.00, 400-500 800.00-840.00, Medium 200-300 lbs 245.00-300.00, 400-500 lbs 600.00-650.00, 500-585lbs crossbreds 400.00-680.00 per head. .Calves: Holstein Heifers 170.00-420.00, Holstein Bulls 95.00-160.00, Jersey Bulls 25.00-45.00, Crossbred Bulls 165.00-215.00.

Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market

(Koshkonong 01/27/2007)

Receipts: 260 Last Month: 314 Year Ago: 130

Compared to the last market date of December 30, classes and grades of kid goats present at this sale were steady, Selection 1 and 2 kids 45-60 lbs were 8.00 higher, and Selection 3 kids 61-80 lbs 5.00 higher. Sheep were steady. Demand good and supply moderate. All sheep and goats graded by MO Dept of Ag-USDA Graders and bought per cwt. Based on in-weights. Goats Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 45-60 lbs 117.00; 61-80 lbs 94.00. Selection 2 45-60 lbs 108.00, 61-80 lbs 90.00. Selection 1-2 81 lbs and up 70.00. Selection 3 45-60 lbs 95.00, 61-80 lbs 80.00 per cwt. Feeder Kids all grades 20-44 lbs 85.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: yearling any grade 65.00, Selection 1-2 50.00 per cwt. Selection 3 30.00. Slaughter Bucks all grades yearling 65.00, Selection 1-2 80 lbs and up 60.00, Selection 3 40.00 Sheep Slaughter Lambs: Good 1 Haired 80 lbs and under 85.00, Feeder Lambs: not tested. Slaughter Ewes: Cull and Utility 1-2 160 lbs ad over 30.00. Slaughter Rams: 20.00. (all prices per cwt.)

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .24 to .26 higher, Wheat .01 to .03 lower, Corn unchanged to .03 lower, KC Wheat nearby .01 lower, new crop unchanged to .01 higher, Soybean meal 4.90 to 6.90 higher.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans Mar May Jul Aug Sep	709 1/2 724 3/4 738 1/4 744 1/2 750	721 736 1/4 749 1/2 755 761 1/2	719 1/2 734 1/2 747 3/4 753 758	721 1/2 737 1/2 750 3/4 755 761	736 3/4 752 1/2 765 1/2 771 1/2 776
Wheat Mar May Jul Sep Dec	456 1/2 472 478 485 500 1/2	459 1/2 473 1/4 481 1/2 489 501 3/4	467 1/2 481 488 494 509 1/2	460 1/4 474 1/2 482 1/2 489 1/2 502 3/4	461 1/4 475 3/4 483 3/4 490 1/2 504 3/4
Corn Mar May Jul Sep Dec	400 411 1/2 418 1/2 402 3/4 394 1/2	404 3/4 416 1/4 422 1/2 407 1/2 397 3/4	404 415 3/4 422 1/2 404 1/2 394 3/4	398 409 3/4 417 403 392 1/2	402 414 3/4 421 1/4 407 1/2 397 1/4
KC Wheat Mar May Jul Sep Dec	478 1/4 488 1/2 490 1/4 498 509	481 3/4 490 495 504 513	488 3/4 497 1/2 501 1/2 508 1/2 519	487 1/2 498 499 1/4 507 516	487 497 1/2 498 1/2 506 515 1/2
SB Meal Mar May Jul Aug Sep	206.40 211.10 215.60 217.50 219.00	208.40 213.20 217.40 219.40 220.70	207.40 212.50 217.10 219.00 220.30	207.90 212.90 217.30 219.10 220.40	212.70 216.90 220.80 222.30 224.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .83 to 1.25 higher, Lean Hogs .45 to 2.03 higher, Pork Bellies 2.72 to 5.05 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.30 to 1.88 higher.

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Daily Futures Closes					
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Cattle Feb Apr Jun Aug Oct	90.60 93.40 89.47 87.65 90.90	89.92 92.62 89.27 87.45 90.65	90.22 93.17 89.85 88.00 90.97	89.82 92.90 89.65 87.90 90.95	91.05 94.47 90.95 89.25 92.40
Lean Hogs Feb Apr May Jun Jul	64.05 67.70 74.87 76.62 75.02	63.57 67.25 74.87 76.40 74.92	64.52 68.22 75.27 77.35 76.07	64.72 67.70 75.32 77.22 76.17	65.35 68.30 75.75 77.97 77.00
Prk Bel Feb Mar May Jul Aug	98.55 99.37 100.65 100.60 97.50	98.50 99.10 100.90 100.90 100.50	101.50 102.10 102.80 102.80 101.70	102.60 102.30 102.85 103.00 101.40	103.92 104.67 105.20 105.00 102.00
Fdr Cat Mar Apr May Aug Sep	95.40 97.52 98.57 100.32 99.30	94.85 96.97 97.95 99.95 99.25	95.85 97.95 98.72 100.62 99.40	94.77 96.95 98.05 100.27 99.30	95.62 97.75 99.20 100.95 99.80
Milk Jan Feb Mar	13.56 14.03 14.20	13.54 14.05 14.23	13.56 14.00 14.18	14.10 14.35	14.14 14.26

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .26 to .35 higher Wheat .01 to .05 lower Corn .07 lower to .07 higher Grain Sorghum .08 to .21 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.75 6.86 6.85 6.87 7.02	3.38 3.42 3.49 3.48 3.47	3.83 3.88 3.87 3.81 3.82-3.85	6.52 6.61 6.59 6.48 6.55
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.04-7.05 7.15-7.17 7.12 7.03-7.16 7.31-7.34	4.24 4.25 4.33 4.28 4.29	3.94-3.96 4.00-4.01 4.03-4.06 3.98-4.00 4.06-4.09	7.10 7.16 7.03 6.92 7.00
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.55-6.57 6.62-6.68 6.65-6.67 6.69 6.84	3.57 3.60-3.82 3.68 3.60 3.61	3.68 3.73-3.75 3.72-3.74 3.68 3.72	6.12 6.21-6.25 6.23 6.12 6.19
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.92-7.00 7.06-7.17 7.05-7.10 7.06-7.14 7.20-7.28	4.22-4.28 4.22-4.31 4.35-4.39 4.12-4.33 4.29-4.35	3.85-3.89 3.91-3.95 3.90-3.99 3.91-3.96 3.98-4.02	7.16-7.35 7.26-7.42 7.25-7.44 7.16-7.66 7.23-7.35

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
*NEW CROP

U.S. Crop Production

United States soybean in 2006 totals 3.19 billion bushels, the largest U.S. soybean crop on record. This is down less than 1 percent from the November forecast but 4 percent above the 2005 production. The average yield per acre is estimated at 42.7 bushels, 0.3 bushel below both the November forecast and last year's record high yield. Harvested area is up 5 percent from 2005, to a record high 74.6 million acres. Corn for grain production in the U.S. is estimated at 10.5 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the November forecast and 5 percent lower than 2005. The average U.S. grain yield is estimated at 149.1 bushels per acre. down 2.1 bushels from the November forecast but 1.1 bushels above 2005. The 2006 yield estimate is the second highest on record, behind 2004, while the production estimate is the third largest on record. Area harvested for grain, at 70.6 million acres, is down 6 percent from 2005. U.S. sorghum for grain production in 2006 is estimated at 278 million bushels, down 4 percent from the November forecast and 29 percent below 2005. Planted area is estimated at 6.52 million acres, up 1 percent from last year, and area harvested for grain, at 4.94 million acres, is down 14 percent from 2005. Average grain yield, at 56.2 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushels from the previous forecast but down 12.3 bushels from last year. All cotton production in 2006 in the U.S. is estimated at 1.7 million bales, up 2 percent from last month but down 9 percent from last year's record high production. Production and yield are both the third largest on record. Harvested area, at 12.7 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 8 percent from last year. U.S. rice production in 2006 is estimated at 194 million cwt, down 13 percent from last year's crop but up less than 1 percent from the November forecast. Planted area, at 2.84 million acres, is down 16 percent from 2005. Area for harvest, at 2.82 million acres, is also down 16 percent from last year. Production of all dry hay in the U.S. for 2006 is estimated at 142 million tons, down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 6 percent from the 2005 total. Area harvested, at 60.8 million acres, is down 3 percent from the October forecast and down 1 percent from 2005. The average yield, at 2.33 tons per acre, is down 0.02 ton from October and down 0.12 ton from the previous year.